



Federal Emergency Management Agency

John W. Magaw: Executive Advisor

John Magaw was appointed executive advisor on February 16, 2001. He served as FEMA's acting director from January 20, 2001 through February 15, 2001, pending the Senate confirmation of a permanent agency director.

Mr. Magaw was appointed senior advisor to the director for terrorism preparedness in December 1999. In that role, he planned and coordinated FEMA's domestic terrorism preparedness efforts.

Before joining FEMA, Mr. Magaw was director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, where he spearheaded policy and organizational changes that allowed the bureau to be more diversified and efficient.

Mr. Magaw's law enforcement career began with a stint as a trooper with the Ohio State Patrol. He became a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service in 1967 and later served as deputy special agent in charge of the vice presidential protective division and then head of the Washington Field office, among other positions. Mr. Magaw was in charge of all protective operations for the President and First Lady before being appointed director of the service.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Magaw holds a bachelor of science degree in education from Otterbein College, in Westerville, Ohio. Mr. Magaw has received the 1991 and 1999 Presidential Rank Meritorious Award and, in 1995, received the Presidential Rank Distinguished Award. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a member of the board of trustees for Otterbein College.

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